

REMARKS

Claims 31-42 are pending in the application and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Gupta et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,973,623. Applicant hereby cancels claims 31-42 and submits for examination new claims 43-56, which Applicant respectfully submits recite subject matter distinguishable from the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

Please direct any questions regarding this Amendment A to the undersigned attorney at 312-923-2657.

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